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Recommendation for Council Action (CLMD)

Austin City Council		Item ID:	7988	Agenda Number	11.
Meeting Date:	August 18, 2011				
Department:	Contract and Land Management				
Subject					
Authorize execution of a construction contract with SMITH CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC., Austin, TX for the Little Shoal Creek Realignment and Utility Relocation – Phase I project in the amount of \$4,774,017 plus a \$716,102.55 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$5,490,119.55. Related to Item # 72.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding in the amount of \$4,830,085.73 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department. Funding in the amount of \$660,033.82 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.					
Fiscal Note					
A fiscal note is attached.					
Purchasing Language:	Lowest bid of six bids received.				
Prior Council Action:	January 13, 2011 - City Council authorized the negotiation and execution of a Community Facilities Agreement with International Bank of Commerce, Laredo, Texas regarding their cost participation for completion of the Little Shoal Creek Realignment & Utility Relocation – Phase I project.				
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.				
MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 7.62% MBE and 3.18% WBE subcontractor participation.				
Related Items:					
Additional Backup Information					

The International Bank of Commerce would like to redevelop lots 1 through 8 of Block 51, located at the northeast corner of the intersection of 5th Street and Nueces Street, within zip code 78701. Redevelopment of this property requires the relocation of the Little Shoal Creek Tunnel, which runs through the lots and under several existing structures. The International Bank of Commerce is contributing \$2 million to the City of Austin for the relocation of the Little Shoal Creek Tunnel into Nueces Street from West 5th Street to West 8th Street. The relocation and upgrading of this storm drain tunnel is part of the Watershed Protection Department's long-range plans, and this developer contribution allows the work to be done now rather than at some undetermined future date.

The relocation of Little Shoal Creek Storm Tunnel from private property into the City of Austin's right of way requires the relocation of existing water and wastewater lines in order to provide sufficient space for the proposed storm drain tunnel. Austin Water Utility had previously budgeted for complete replacement of the water distribution facilities and partial replacement of the wastewater collection facilities within the project area. The scope of work includes approximately 1,720 linear feet of waterline ranging in size from 2-inch to 16-inch, approximately 750 linear feet of 12-inch and 630 linear feet of 8-inch wastewater line and 2,500 linear feet of storm drain conduit ranging in size from 18-inch pipe to 13-foot x 8-foot box culvert.

In order to receive the \$2 million contribution from the International Bank of Commerce in accordance with the Community Facilities Agreement, the project must complete the abandonment of the existing storm drain tunnel crossing their property by October 1, 2012. Due to the potential for unknown subsurface conditions and utility conflicts when working in the right of way, and in consideration of the time constraints imposed by the Community Facilities Agreement, a 15% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders.

The contract allows 285 calendar days for completion of the new storm drain tunnel, to meet the conditions of the Community Facilities Agreement. An additional 230 calendar days are provided for final completion of the project for items not subject to the deadlines established in the Community Facilities Agreement.

This project is located within the zip code 78701.

This project is managed by the Public Works Department.